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Today I began to write in this lovely journal my oldest daughter gave to me for Christmas. May it grow to contain thoughts, memories and glimpses into my life that may cause others one day to marvel. For my life appears to me to be a miracle – small coincidences and fortuitous happenings seem to unfold daily now. There is no doubt in my mind that an unseen force guides and directs all that occurs here on this spinning space ship called earth!

Let me share with you just one such "small happening."

For years as a grade school teacher, I loved to share the picture story book by Chris Van Allsburg called, *The Polar Express*. From the moment I first read it I felt inspired to share it every Christmas with all the children I taught and loved. So it was that that my granddaughter received a copy for her first Christmas. Inside the cover I had written the words, "May we always hear the bell."

For if you know the story, you understand the phrase to be a metaphor for keeping "the child within" forever present in your life. To hear the bell is to believe in a creative force greater than oneself; to believe in the magic nature of being and to accept that miracles can occur every day!

On this particular Christmas eve, my daughter's small family and I had just returned from a magical children's pageant at the local church, and were preparing to tuck a sleepy, curly headed three year old in with the required bedtime story.

She had been urging her father to drive quickly over the icy northern Ontario town roads for she had heard over the car radio that Santa was on his way, his sleigh somewhere in the very vicinity of her house!

Cookies and milk had been placed on Santa's own special plate and cup, stockings had been hung, and all was quiet throughout the house as I now opened the book to read. I began with the inscription on the blank fly leaf – the very one I had alluded to earlier in this story. As I did, my daughter and I exchanged knowing glances which said, "Yes, belief in the magic of life is so important!"

As all three of us snuggled together in the soft sofa, I handed the book to my daughter and she began to read. The house still and peaceful, a feeling of contentment filled us as we turned the beautifully illustrated pages and read the story once again.

A few pages along, mid- sentence, she stopped reading.

"Did you hear that?" my daughter asked, a look of wonder spreading across her face!

I knew exactly what she was referring to for I had heard it as well - a sound, faint, as if off in the distance, but unmistakable! It was not of this world, I knew, and yet somehow it was so real, so present. I had heard what I heard.

That unmistakable jingle of metal tinkling against metal – such a joyous sound – so distinctive – a sound any northerner who has ever had the privilege of being pulled over icy hills and dales in a horse-drawn sleigh would know instantly! Yes, it could have only been the sound of sleigh bells!

As my daughter and I stared incredulously into each other's eyes, one word formed on both our lips, "Bells?"

In that instant, my granddaughter jumped from the sofa with the words, "Santa!" on her little lips as she bolted for the stairs.

"Santa's here! I heard him, Mommy. He's here!"

With that, roaring with laughter and filled with glee my daughter and I followed her little slippered feet up the stairs to her bed.

Oh what fun it was! Had she heard the sound too? How delightful and what a Christmas memory this was to make, I thought to myself.

By the time we reached her door, she was already tucked into bed. Eyes closed tightly for of course she had to appear asleep - Santa was here!

We kissed her face and tiptoed back down the stairs, bursting to say. "Did you really hear them?! What could it have been? There's no one here but us. Who could have made the sound?"

These were the questions that tumbled out of us several times over as we attempted to find a rational explanation, and then, as so often you must with all miracles, we shrugged our shoulders and accepted with wonder the unexplainable.

A sign - for those of us who believe – absolutely! For those who do not – just an unexplained occurrence with a logical explanation - somewhere.

As for me, now in the sixth decade of my life, it is pure joy to have heard the bell! My wish is that I continue to do so until I decide to leave this earth.

Blessing to all and in your homes may you, "live, laugh and talk much" as the plaque on my daughter's kitchen wall suggests and may your child within "always hear the bell!"

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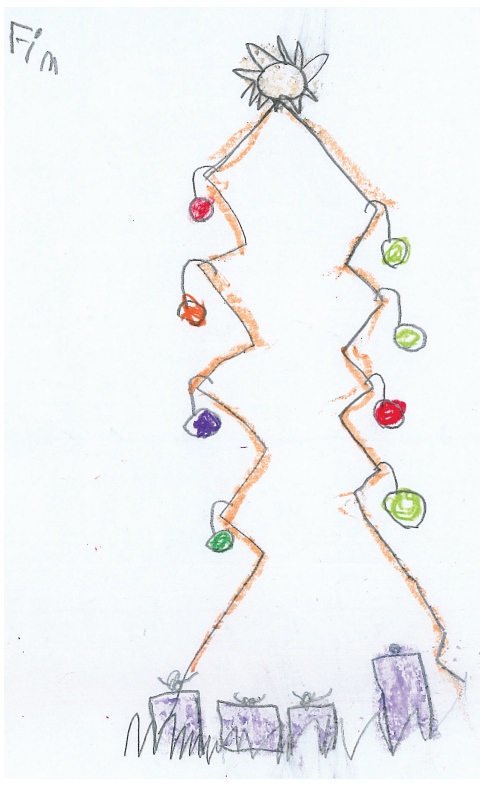

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Christmases of long, long ago

By Kate Butler, Haliburton Highlands Museum

As Haliburton Village's sesquicentennial year draws to a close, it makes sense to ponder what Christmas would have been like in Haliburton 150 years ago…

Many settlers to the area would have only been in their new homes for mere months and would have still been struggling to ready their houses for a Canadian winter and to clear enough land for crops.

There can be no doubt that the early settlers would have been homesick at this festive time of year, longing to see family and friends who were miles or perhaps even an ocean away. And yet, everyone in the community knew they were at the start of creating something new and they were excited and ready to celebrate!

December 8th, 1864 marked the opening of Haliburton's first sawmill and after many months of trying to construct homes with lumber sawn by hand or brought by boat from the mills in Minden, it must have seemed like an incredible luxury.

The one saw with which its operations began could cut 3,000 feet of lumber each day!

Dec. 8 was a stormy day, but 70 settlers turned out to see the first boards sawn and then everyone retired to the residence of Mr. Lucas to enjoy tea and refreshments.

Everybody was looking to the future – to buildings that would be constructed; to roads that would be carved out of the wilderness and to the growth of Haliburton into a bustling metropolis!

It was also announced that day that St. George's Anglican Church would open for Christmas with a clergyman from Toronto coming to perform the service, though everyone was confident that a resident clergyman would soon become part of the community.

Dec. 8 even marked the first postal delivery made by the government to the village.

Prior to this date, all mail had been handled by the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, but this new delivery would doubtless have been seen as a validation for the entire community, as well as a guarantee of being able to stay in touch with the wider world.

Thus, it must have been with high hopes and spirits that our early settlers set about preparing for the holidays.

Greenery would have been taken from the woods to adorn their new homes and perhaps a choice evergreen would have been brought indoors to be decorated in the fashion that had been popularized by Queen Victoria and her family in recent decades.

These Christmas trees would likely have been decorated with items from nature and a few prize trinkets.

Families and friends would have gathered around a fire to sing some seasonal songs, tell stories and reminisce.

We'd like to imagine that a copy of *A Christmas Carol* — that novella that had become a sensation twenty-one Christmases before — might have made its way to Haliburton and been drawn out as entertainment on a cold winter's night. Dickens' tale of one miser's transformation and rediscovery of the Christmas spirit was reputedly inspired by the plight of workers, many of them children, who the author had encountered in his travels. The Industrial Revolution had led to greater urbanization, long working hours and in many cases poorer conditions than workers were used to as some traditional occupations went by the wayside. Dickens' story served as a rallying cry for people across Britain, and indeed the world, to come together and look after their fellow human beings. It so quickly entered the canon of Christmas traditions that Dickens even took it on the road, giving spirited readings (from a significantly condensed script!) in theatres and town halls.

Charles Dickens might never have made it to Haliburton, but we're certain that his tale would have resonated with early settlers to this area who knew full-well that they needed to look after each other. They all faced challenges, but the accounts of the past we encounter at the museum always seem to talk about community spirit and sharing whatever resources were available. It's our hope that you'll take inspiration from our early settlers not just during the holiday season but each and every day and continue to look after others throughout this wonderful county we live in!

We also hope that you'll join us at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. for a very special event as we gather together to read *A Christmas Carol* using the text that Dickens himself used when he took the piece on tour. You can participate by helping with the reading or simply take a breather from the hectic holiday season and enjoy the story and some lovely holiday refreshments – we look forward to welcoming you!

Whip up some spiced pumpkin fudge

Ingredients:
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2/3 cup Evaporated Milk
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2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) White Chocolate chips
1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow crème
1 cup chopped pecans or toasted pumpkin seeds
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions:
LINE 13 x 9-inch baking pan with foil or parchment paper

COMBINE sugar, brown sugar, evaporated milk, pumpkin, butter and spice in medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly.

Boil, stirring constantly for 10 to 12 minutes or until candy thermometer reaches 234° to 240°F (soft-ball stage).

QUICKLY STIR in morsels, marshmallow crème, nuts and vanilla extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until morsels are melted.

Immediately pour into prepared pan. Let stand on wire rack for 2 hours or until completely cooled. Refrigerate tightly covered. To cut, lift from pan; remove foil. Cut into 1-inch pieces.

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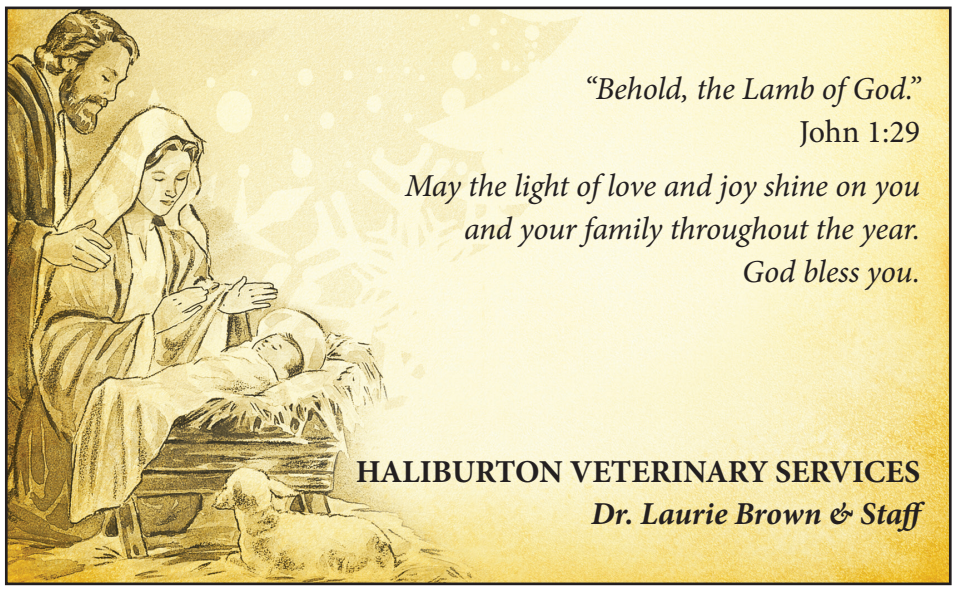
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ASES STUDENTS TELL CHRISTMAS STORIES

'Lucky' by Jocelyn
Grade 2

Me and Emma were playing school with our stuffies in the bright basement on Christmas eve.

We heard a meoooow noise coming out of the toy room.

What is that I wonder? I think it might be a cat?

I ran and got daddy. My dad got a flash light and flicked it around.

He saw a cat in our window sill. Daddy gently picked up the frozen and crying cat and put the sad little cat into our heated garage.

In three days the little black cat was thawed out and it survived. My family named it Lucky and Lucky was my family's Christmas pet!

'Special time with Dad' by Haiden
Grade 2, Mrs. Coneybeare's class

One Christmas eve dad asked if I wanted to go on a snowmobile ride. I followed my dad.

We zoomed to the monkey tree and bumped it around ten times!!!!!

We made Christmas cakes in the snow, it felt slushly.

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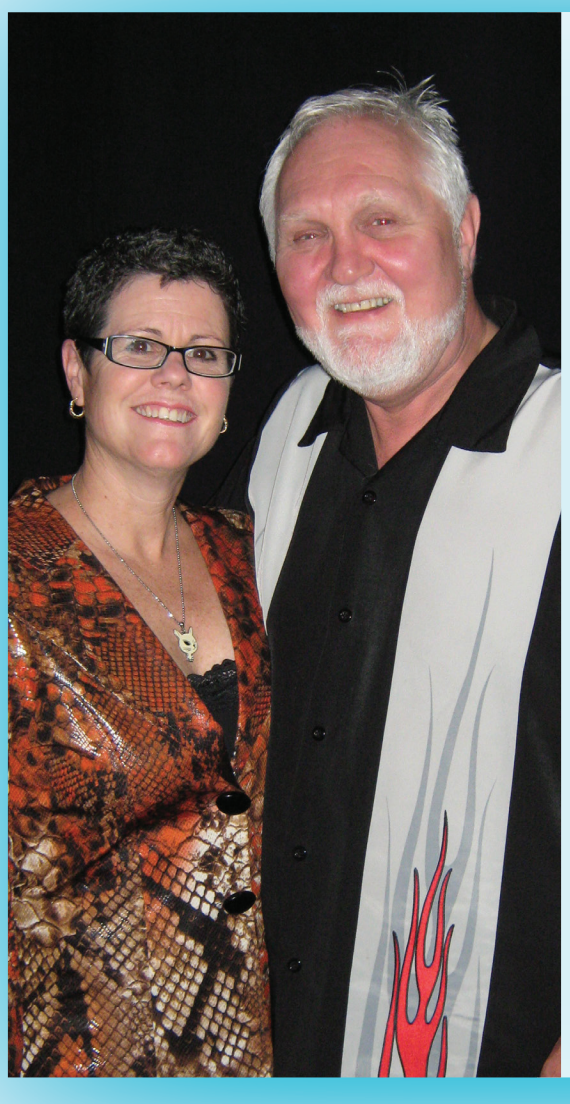

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May you all feel the peace and joy that the Spirit of Christmas brings...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Gord and Kathryn Kidd

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As well, we made a snowman it was a beauty. On the way home I ran out of gas!!!!!!!! My dad came back for me.

We zoomed back to our house. I said thank you for building a snowman for me dad!

Christmas is special time with dad.

'One Christmas night' By Jayde, Grade 2

One Christmas eve me and mom were baking cookies. Once we were done we wrapped the cookies up.

Next we ran to the car and slammed the door behind us. Soon we arrived at the police station.

My mom reminded me to be good in here. We gave the officers their cookies.

They excitedly said …."Thank you".

We walked to the car. I yelled can we go to the hospital next!!! My mom said "Yes"

One Christmas night' By Jayde…..con't

I was bouncing in my seat, I was so happy. Next we arrived at the hospital.

They let us in. We gave the nurses their cookies. My mom asked are you tired?

I said yes, can we go home now?

Yes, said my mom. Even though I was tired, I still felt proud that was for sure because Christmas is a time for giving.

'I'm Trapped on Christmas' By Nicole

Oh no look what happened! On Christmas morning when I got out of bed. My mom and dad weren't awake yet. I brushed my teeth and washed my face. I ran down stairs to eat some breakfast with my brother and sister. When I was done my brother screamed I NEED PLAY! He wanted me to play behind the Christmas tree. So we crawled behind the Christmas tree. When it was time to get from behind the Christmas tree, my brother slipped out the bottom of the tree. But I realized there was no way for me to get out!

I felt scared and worried I didn't know what to do. Before my mom and dad woke up I tipped over the Christmas tree and crawled out as fast as I could and put back up the Christmas tree as fast as I could! I moved the presents back with the help of my brother. Right after that my parents came down the stairs. They told us it's time to open the presents!

When I had to put back up the Christmas tree I was really scared but when I opened my presents it made me feel way better!

' I Couldn't Remember Christmas' by Kadin

It was two days before Christmas eve. Me and my dad and mom woke up. I was still in my cozy bed in my angry bird pyjamas. I smelled something. What is that smell?

When my mom and dad were in their own room I looked outside my door. I wondered is that the great pancake? It was!

So I snuck into the kitchen. I grabbed the great pancake and took it into my room and I ate it all.

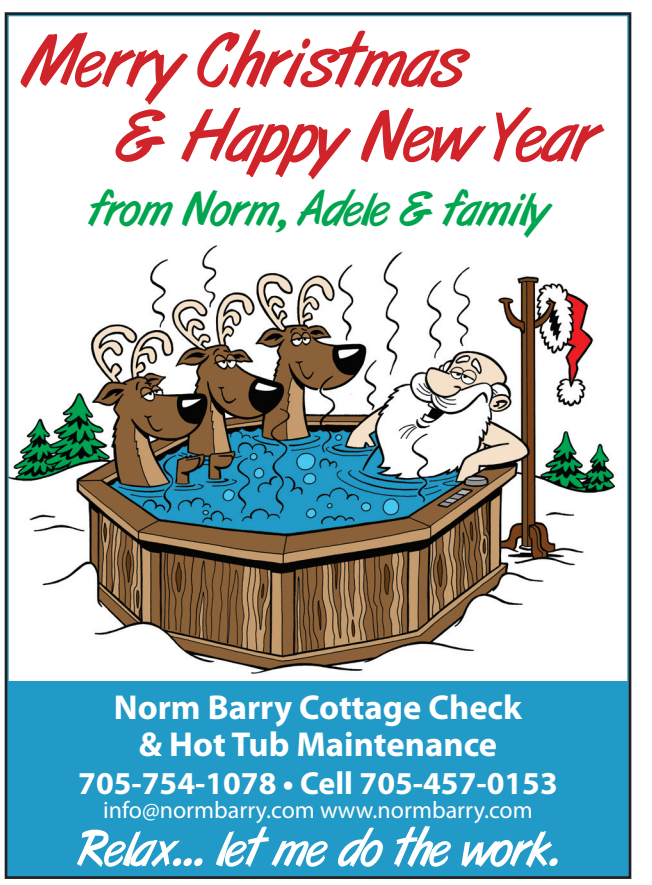
By Autumn Winder

My mom and dad asked - "Where's the great pancake" I ate it all. We got into our winter clothes.

I asked, where are we going? To get a Christmas tree.

What's a Christmas tree? I'll tell you when we get there. We finally got there. I said ya!!!!!!

We jumped out of the grey car. We opened the trunk. Dad grabbed the axe out of the trunk. We cut the perfect tall and prickly, two times the size of my dad tree. Dad told me that's perfect. Dad chopped down the tree. Me, mom, and dad carried the heavy Christmas tree to our grey car. When we got home dad carried the tree into my house. When the tree was set up, I put 50 ornaments on the tree. Mom put 40 ornaments on the Christmas tree. Dad put on 60 ornaments. This was a special Christmas moment.



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ASES STUDENTS TELL CHRISTMAS STORIES

Who Ate the Turkey?
By Logan
Grade 2, Mrs Coneybeare's class

Has a pet ever eaten a turkey at your house on Christmas eve? This started when I was five. We had a turkey ready to grill. We were driving and driving to Nan's house. When we were at Nan's house we were grilling the turkey. To wait we watched Master Chef. But when Saraya, my baby cousin, smelled the turkey then she crawled to the turkey. She pulled the turkey then the dog smelled and raced to the turkey. Chico ate the turkey and Saraya had lick marks on her. When we stomped up the stairs what a big mess did we see? Turkey, forks, spoons and some broken plates scattered all over the floor! We wanted to go to shop but all the stores were closed. So we decided to eat carrots and potatoes only for our Christmas dinner, but we forgot to eat Aunt Julie's secret yummy recipe that she made, but we got dessert! I hope we will get the turkey next year then I'll be jumping for joy. The end.

The Christmas Lights Problem
By Chloe
Grade 2, Mrs Coneybeare's class

One Sunday morning, me, my mom, my dad and my brother all got up and brushed our teeth and got dressed. After we did all that stuff, we ran downstairs to our basement to get our Christmas tree and decorations. We noticed that we didn't bring up the Christmas lights. So we rushed downstairs to get the Christmas lights. They weren't there. I felt sad cause the lights were lost. So we looked again and again. So we decorated the tree anyway. My mom put the balls on the tree. My dad put the bow on the tree and my brother put a star on the tree. After that I saw something magic happen. The lights were on the tree, but yesterday the lights weren't on the tree. Merry Christmas! The end.

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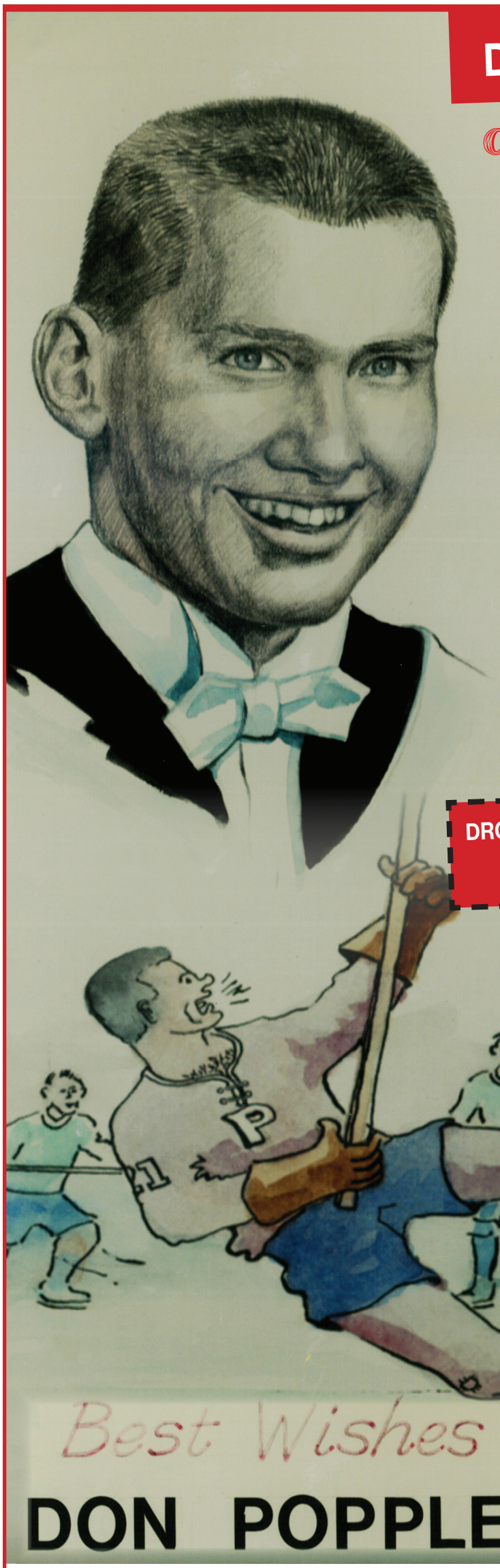

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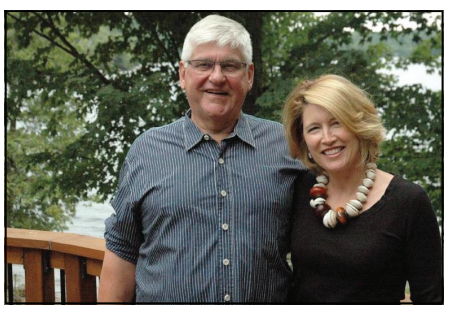

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Warm hearts making Warm Hands

By Jenn Watt

Knitting has been a relaxing pastime for Gail Scott for most of her adult life. She took up the hobby when she was pregnant with her first child and has been creating garments for kids and adults right into retirement.

"I find it very relaxing. It's not a job, it's not a duty; it's a relaxing thing for me," says Scott, who lives in Haliburton.

Knitting has taken up more of her time in the last several years.

It was five years ago this January when her husband Bill Scott passed away just before his 69th birthday.

"When my husband retired from the Toronto Fire Department after serving 28 years at 50 [years old] he retired and said, 'let's move.' And I said, 'Where do you want to go?' He said 'Haliburton.'"

After the passing of her husband, Scott found herself with more time and started knitting in earnest. A couple of years ago, she was listening to Canoe FM and heard about a program they run called Warm Hands for Christmas. It asks people to donate new mittens – handmade or store-bought – to be redistributed to kids and adults across the county.

So she put her mind to the task and knit 63 pairs of mittens last winter.

This year she knit 75 pairs.

"I just love doing it. I like figuring out what colours I'm going to use and I know they're needed in the area and they're going to a good cause," Scott said.

Roxanne Casey, station co-ordinator at Canoe FM and this year's organizer of Warm Hands, said last year about 500 pairs of mittens were distributed to elementary schools across the Highlands as well as Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, SIRCH Community Services and food banks.

Gail Scott of Haliburton holds up two pairs of the children's mittens she knit for the Canoe FM Warm Hands for Christmas program this year. She has contributed 75 pairs to the initiative, which sends new mittens to kids in need across Haliburton County. Jenn Watt Staff

SIRCH donated bags of yarn last year, which Casey passed on to the hard-core knitters like Scott. Another major contributor is Nancy Prentice, who knit 50 pairs last year.

The program was started by Gail Stelter, a former educator who knows how common it is for kids to lose their mittens and need a warm replacement.

In its fourth year, Warm Hands is collecting mittens until Thursday, Dec. 18. At last count, Casey said they had collected 350 pairs of mittens and other items.

"Looking at the hand-knit ones, it's amazing people have taken the time to do that," Casey said.

"Canoe FM is very happy to run the Warm Hands for Christmas campaign. We are trying to make sure that all children have mitts to keep their hands warm."

Scott isn't sure exactly how long a pair of mittens takes her to make, especially since she makes them in a range of sizes, which take different amounts of time.

Settled in her living room in the evenings with her 14-year-old cat, she works all year making mounds of mittens.

She said she hasn't yet seen a pair of her mittens on a child, but is tickled by the prospect of her creations on hands across the county.

"I know that it's important that they have mitts. There are many children in the area who may never have a pair of homemade mitts," she said.

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Whatever happened to red and green?

(Sort of) a Garden Musing by Belinda Gallagher

Today was the day that I tromped to the basement, dug out the Christmas ornaments and started to make the house look "holiday festive."

I quite enjoy the tradition of decorating; particularly since I have ornaments collected over many years and they remind me of friends, relatives and past seasons.

As I was placing wreaths, ribbons, bows and swags around the house I began to muse about the change in decorating styles and colours. Historically, at least in Europe, the colours of the season were green and red. Medieval holidays and festivals during which people would decorate with seasonal greenery brightened long, cold, dark winters. Evergreen boughs, holly and ivy were draped about windows and doors, reminding folks that spring would come eventually.

The addition of red to the green palette is said to have come from the 1300s in Europe when churches would present a "Paradise Play" depicting the story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. Apple trees were bare at that time of the year so a pine tree would be decorated with bright, red apples and used as a prop during the plays. Churches carried these props into Christmas displays and shortly thereafter, people began to add pine trees decorated in red to their homes.

Gold and silver quite naturally joined red and green, the sparkle suggesting warmth and light respectively. At the same time white was being used to represent snow and purity. Deep blue seems to have become popular since the dye was quite rarified – used mainly by royalty so much desired by the not so royal.

In the 1960s, the holiday palette changed from red and green to anything goes.

Photo by Elizabeth Schleicher

According to the BBC Two site, "Make Your Own Victorian Christmas" it was the marriage of Queen Victoria to German-born Prince Albert that cemented the Christmas tree in holiday traditions. Interestingly, several other traditions – Christmas crackers, turkey, and Christmas cards – are attributed to this time period.

The Victorian trees were festooned with all manner of sweets, fruit, candles and gifts most of which were homemade and reflected the early colour scheme of green, red with hints of sparkle, white and blue. It was this decorating palette that persisted through the years until the '60s when red and green were completely overturned by the introduction of the aluminum tree.

I vividly remember the day that the new, space age, mess-free tree arrived from Sears. Each easy-to-assemble branch was in a paper sleeve to protect the aluminum needles. Once assembled, special "Shiny Bright" ornaments were hung replacing the construction-paper garland and hand crafted reindeer. The last task was to plug in the four-paneled colour wheel that made a slight whirring sound as it cycled through red, blue, green and yellow. My eyes were the size of saucers.

In my humble opinion, those aluminum trees in shades of silver, pink, gold and teal not only brought in the Atomic Age, but also opened holiday décor to the vagaries of the designer crowd. Now anything goes. Your decorations can match your mood, your animal print jacket or your bathroom tiles.

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A heartfelt thank you to all our clients for their patronage this past year.
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Christmas has become a season of "haute holiday hues" — no longer a time of handmade ornaments on an imperfect tree

High-class decor

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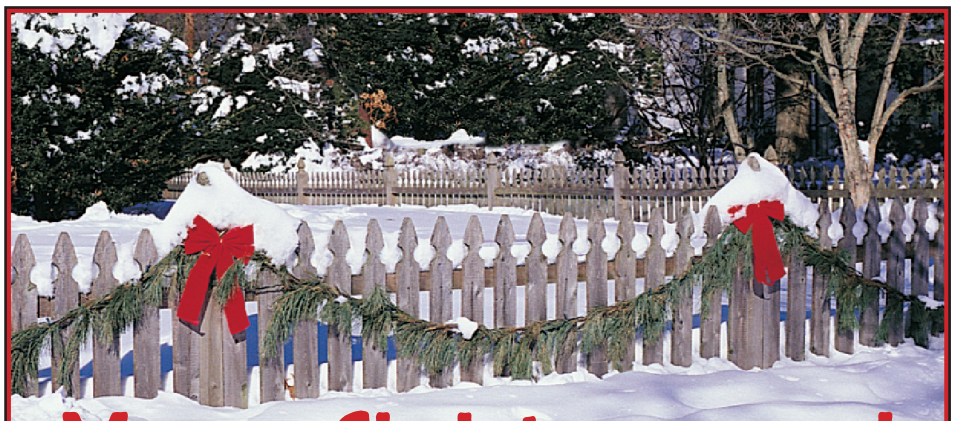
Open any sales flier and see what I mean. This week I saw pink with silver highlights including designer pink poinsettias. The iridescent teal, blue, green and copper of a peacock feather was another unusual combination. All black, all white, all mauve. Or yellow or eggplant or lime green sparkles. Home and Garden Television (HGTV) asks us to add these "haute holiday hues". I had to look up haute. It means high-class, fashionable or fancy not terms ever used to describe me and mine.

Which begs the question, whatever happened to red and green?

The down to earth, plain-Jane, traditional colours of the holidays – the colours in the box I just dragged up from the basement.



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Sing songs of Christmas

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose, and two eyes made of coal.

Frosty the Snowman, is a fairytale, they say.
He was made of snow, but the children know he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found,
For when they placed it on his head, he began to dance around!

Oh, Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be;
and the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump, look at Frosty go.

Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump, over the hills of snow.

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun was hot that day, so he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun now, before I melt away."

Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there, all around the square, sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town, right to the traffic cop; and only paused a moment, when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

For Frosty, the Snowman, had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye, sayin' "Don't cry, I'll be back again some day."

A Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly, jolly Christmas;
It's the best time of the year
I don't know if there'll be snow
but have a cup of cheer
Have a holly, jolly Christmas;
And when you walk down the street
Say Hello to friends you know
and everyone you meet
Oh ho
the mistletoe
hung where you can see;
Somebody waits for you;
Kiss her once for me
Have a holly jolly Christmas
and in case you didn't hear
Oh by golly
have a holly
jolly Christmas this year

Let it Snow

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've bought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss good night
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbying
But as long as you love me so
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Magical Holiday Season.
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from The Staff and Families
of D&K Masonry and
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O Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
How are thy leaves so verdant!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

Not only in the summertime,
But even in winter is thy prime.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

For every year the Christmas tree,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

Each bough doth hold its tiny light,
That makes each toy to sparkle bright.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la la!

'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la la!

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together! Fa la la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la la!

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2014 Christmas Season

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Christmas Day - Bancroft 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(New Year's Eve) Wednesday, December 31 Haliburton 4:30 pm

(New Year's Day) Thursday, January 1, 2015 Bancroft 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Haliburton Saturday, December 27 Vigil mass 4:30 pm

Bancroft Sunday, December 28 9:00 am

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Haliburton; Saturday, January 3rd 4:30 pm

Bancroft; Sunday, January 4th, 9:00 am

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‘Up-cycling’ into holiday art

Photos by Darren Lum

Gayle McIvor of Earth Elf Designs is a local textile artist who uses “upcycled” materials to make handcrafted upcycled wearable art. She is the newest member of the Art Hive, which is now open for seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the holidays. It is offering a lattice scarf workshop, led by Sue MacDonald on Monday, Dec. 22. Partnered with Abbey Gardens and the Art Hive, there are packages of local art paired with locally made food items available for the holiday season.

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Jingle bells, a surprise gift and love

Maybelle's **Fireside stories**

Can you hear that? Sure you can. Jing-a, jing-a, jing-a. JINGLE bells. That's right. Santa (Kris Kringle) Claus and his many Santa brothers around the globe are busy doing their annual count-down to Christmas with Rudolph, Blitzen and the boys shakin' their sleigh bells and getting everybody buzzed about the Big Day, don'tcha know. Why, here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean, the cookies and milk lovin' guy in the big red pants was first seen driving down Main Street in a bright red Cadillac convertible with his little elf friends bouncing all over him. Rudolph was driving and Blitzen was doing the Salsa just behind the exhaust pipe and trailing tinsel streamers. That was three weeks ago at our Lake W Santy Claus parade, and boy was it ever…COLD! Geesh. Why ol' Maybelle had icicles dangling from my glasses…dragon smoke streaming from my nostrils…and teeth chattering like maracas. And I've never even been to Puerto Vallarta! But there was no way you'd get me to stay inside. No way, HO-SAY! Why Up Close and Personal, that's my modus operandi. Being right where the action is. Right INSIDE the belly of the monster, not near it where I can snap a photo on my iPhone. Oh, yes, my friend…ol' Maybelle is now part of the 21st century. I not only have a cellphone…I ALMOST know how to use it!

So … the Santy Claus parade woke us all up from our blissful autumn stupor and got us thinking about fruit cake, hand-knitted slippers, hand-made greeting cards and mistletoe, and hunkering down with good friends and our furry pet bear, or camel, or donkey or, okay… doggies and kitties and talking birds, don'tcha know. Polly want a sugarless, gluten-free cookie? No? Then munch on some yoghurt!

Oh, and how about that SNOW that bombed our little village like Mad Maxx on hootenanny juice….then disappeared with a bit of sun and a shift in temperature. Ca-RA-zy, I tell you. Downright Ca-RA-zeee!

And boy, did it remind us to get ready for winter. Why, ever since, my friends Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Twindle Mumbly, and Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and I have been busy weather-stripping windows and doors… stuffing extra insulation into attics…and getting enough wood for the worst of those winter months ahead. And not just for ourselves. Why we've been doing this for our neighbours who can use some help. And we got a whole bunch more folks in Lake WhaddyathinkImean to pitch in, too. (We got the idea from that great Fuel for Warmth program in Haliburton, don'tcha know).

And that's just about the keeping warm part. The part that turned my crank to Full Throttle came next.

Now, you'd think it could never happen to an ol' grey haired denture clacking gal like me, but it did. Why if my heart didn't swell the size of Brooklyn, Ontario. And the lines on my face disappear into an ear-to-ear smile that Donna Reed would have lived for. Yes, you guessed right. Ol' Maybelle fell in love.

Okay, I didn't fall. I was pushed. No, mowed. Shaken not stirred. Transfixed. Tortured with love. Why it was so easy yet so hard to look at him that my eyes flapped up into my head like a broken window shade, don'tcha know. And it was all Bogart's fault. He's my pet bear (as most of you know). My big-hearted, soft inside like marshmallow, genius IQ bear who talks via a contrapulation created by Officer McBottom that he calls the Thought-Voice Synthesizer Tam o' shanter Cap. And it's darn good looking, to boot.

It happened last Thursday.

Bogart came into the cottage with a sheepish looking grin, holding his paws behind his back.

"Mama Maybelle," he said. (His Thought-Voice synthesizer cap was turned on so I could hear what he was thinking.)

"I know you've told me not to bring home things I find in the forest…but, I thought you would want to see this."

Then he pulled his hands out from behind his back and cupped ever so gently inside was a teeny tiny baby kitten…so small, at first I thought it wasn't real.

"Oh my," I said. "Oh my, oh my, oh myyyyyy."

It was so fragile and helpless with its wee mouth puckered up wanting to be fed that I instantly fell in love. Then my head swam. What was I to do? I knew nothing about how to take care of a (I figured) three -to four-day-old kitten. And I certainly didn't want to harm it.

Fortunately, I had just seen Rebecca Cumsqwatch, our local veterinarian that afternoon (she's on our attic insulating team, don'tcha know), so I grabbed the phone and called her.

Before I knew it, my tiny new love who I had already named, Tommy Boy, was being fed by a mama cat, willing to share her milk with him and her own baby kitties.

What a relief knowing our precious treasure was in good paws.

So, the deal is … as soon as he can eat on his own… he's coming home to ol' Maybelle and Bogart. Why that bear has been swooning just like me ever since he found him alone in the forest. And what a magical gift for both of us just in time for Christmas.

Next on my plate: baking fruit cakes, Christmas cookies, and making some greeting cards with the girls. That's always fun to do with Vilma and Sybil, don'tcha know.

So ol' Maybelle feels very blessed, indeed, to be living in such a wonderful, giving community…spending time with good friends, a loving bear and before you know it … a dear little kitten we named: Tommy Boy!

From my hearth to yours … Happy Holidays and a warm and joyful New Year!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden, author of Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, available at amazon.com

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ASES STUDENTS TELL CHRISTMAS STORIES

The Tricky Afternoon
By Miles
Grade 2, Mrs Coneybeare's class

We were in the car making tracks for my mom's car. So she can get home safely. We got stuck in the snow. Dad drove back and forth. But it still didn't work. So Dad said, stay in the car, Miles. Dad ran up the driveway and got the shovel and ran back down the driveway. Dad tried to shovel the car out, but it still didn't work. Dad tried to shovel and finally it worked. We continued making tracks for Mom's car. So she can eat Christmas dinner with us.

One Night I Heard Something
By Austin
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

It was a dark Christmas night. I just woke up. I heard a click-clack noise. I quickly woke up Auzzie. It sounded like Santa's reindeer. We stopped talking and we listened for a minute. The sound repeated. We looked out the window and saw eight reindeer flying away. We ran to our Mom and Dad's room and told them that we had just seen flying reindeer. Dad yawned, "oh no, it's too early." So Auzzie and I ran to see the presents. We both played with our new remote control cars. We loved controlling our new cars and played together until the turkey was ready. Merry Christmas everyone.

Sadie's First Christmas
By Haleigh
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

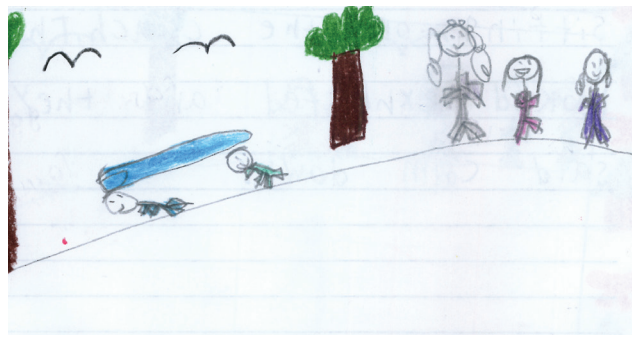
The day before Christmas me and Grandma drove to Mommy's apartment to sleep over. I was getting a surprise! We got into the Jeep and I was sitting wondering what my surprise was going to be. When we got to Mommy's apartment I saw a little fluff ball barking at me. The little fluff ball was running to me. Also the little fluff ball was licking me then I realized that it was a puppy! We named her Sadie! This was the best Christmas surprise ever!

The Christmas Story
By Seth W
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

I woke up. I was excited. My body was jumping and I was smiling. I waited for my Gramma. She finally got to my house and I started with my stocking. Then I ran to the tree. I started with some of my smaller presents. Next I got to some of the bigger gifts. I got to the last presents. It was a stadium truck. I felt special because some kids are poor and don't get as much as me!

On Christmas Eve
By Quinn
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

Last Christmas eve, my mom and dad got us all backpacks with a blanket and a stuffed bear! So we climbed in to bed. My sister woke up and she started to scream. Because the dog took the bear and was trying to rip it up. We looked all over my mom's room. We looked in the bathroom then we looked in the living room. But we found the bear in my bed room under my blankets!



Going Tobogganing
By Sofie Mills
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

On Christmas eve me, Jace, Alexius, Ty and Mommy went outside to go tobogganing. We got dressed and went outside and got a toboggan. We raced up to the top of the hill and me and Alexius got on the sled. My mom gave us a big push. We went down fast. The toboggan slammed off a rock. We flung up in the air and landed on the ground. We giggled. It was Jace and Ty's turn to go. My mom gave them a big push. They went down fast also. They flipped the toboggan and they were sliding down the hill on their bellies. The toboggan was on top of them. It was bouncing up, down, up, down. We giggled so hard we were out of breath. After we had a couple more turns I was thinking it would feel warm to have a hot chocolate. So we ran back to the house and had a hot chocolate. I can not wait for tomorrow, I screamed. I was so excited. I was running and skipping all around the house! I yelled to Jace, Alexius and Ty are you ready to open presents tomorrow? Mom and Dad were sitting on the couch. They looked exhausted and they said calm down.

Snow Racing
By Jamie
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

One Christmas morning my dad and I were outside. At my house before we opened our presents. We got the snowmobile. I hooked my old GT to the snowmobile. We started the snowmobile. We started to drive fast. I smashed into a snowbank the handlebars were cracked and the skis were breaking. I jumped back onto the GT. We kept going. I was OK but I was hot under all my snowsuit stuff like snow pants, coat, boots and sweater. It was scary. I told my dad I hoped my GT wasn't broken. I told my dad I hope I get a new GT with lightning bolt stickers, handle bars, brakes and flame stickers. I hope it is black, red and white. I could picture it!

The Hurtful Christmas Morning
By Darren
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

The day it happened it made me sad. I woke up super fast and rushed to the living room. When I grabbed a present and was opening it my dog bit me. It shook my hand. Even though she was trying to help me she still got put in my grandparents' room. She was barking and ramming the door so loudly we had to let her

out. She charged to the living room to help me open the same present. So I grabbed a new present it was green and we ripped it open together. This was the worst and best Christmas ever.

The Christmas Cat
By Dustin Douglas
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

A few days before Christmas my cat's nail got caught on wrapping paper. She ran and hit the wall, thud! My mom opened the door, my cat ran out the door. After that she ran out the cat door and hid behind her litter box. Then she ran out from behind. The next day my cat Zoey helped me scratch open my presents.

Nativity Scene
By Peyton
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

A couple of days before Christmas my whole family but not my daddy were setting up the decorations and the Christmas tree. After that our whole family walked to bed. The next morning me and Mackenzie checked on the people in our nativity scene. The people were squished up! Who moved them? It happened almost every day. We never found out who moved the people but we could still have a great Christmas!

The Big Christmas Mistake
By Daimon
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

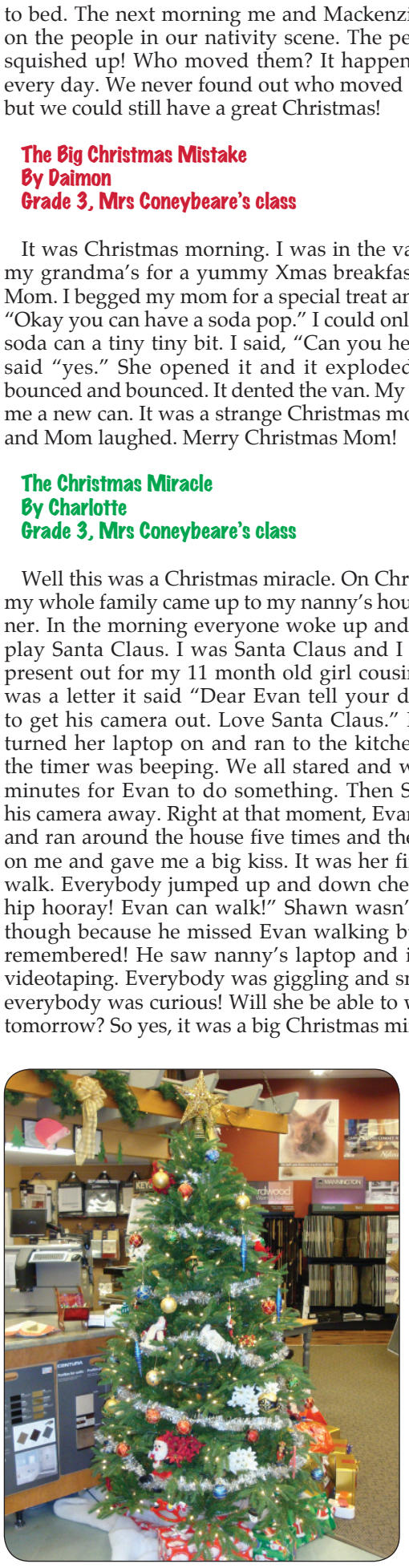
It was Christmas morning. I was in the van to go to my grandma's for a yummy Xmas breakfast with my Mom. I begged my mom for a special treat and she said "Okay you can have a soda pop." I could only open the soda can a tiny tiny bit. I said, "Can you help?" Mom said "yes." She opened it and it exploded! The can bounced and bounced. It dented the van. My mom gave me a new can. It was a strange Christmas morning. Me and Mom laughed. Merry Christmas Mom!

The Christmas Miracle
By Charlotte
Grade 3, Mrs Coneybeare's class

Well this was a Christmas miracle. On Christmas eve my whole family came up to my nanny's house for dinner. In the morning everyone woke up and started to play Santa Claus. I was Santa Claus and I grabbed a present out for my 11 month old girl cousin, Evan. It was a letter it said "Dear Evan tell your dad Shawn to get his camera out. Love Santa Claus." My nanny turned her laptop on and ran to the kitchen because the timer was beeping. We all stared and waited five minutes for Evan to do something. Then Shawn put his camera away. Right at that moment, Evan stood up and ran around the house five times and then jumped on me and gave me a big kiss. It was her first time to walk. Everybody jumped up and down cheering "hip hip hooray! Evan can walk!" Shawn wasn't cheering though because he missed Evan walking but then he remembered! He saw nanny's laptop and it was still videotaping. Everybody was giggling and smiling and everybody was curious! Will she be able to walk again tomorrow? So yes, it was a big Christmas miracle!

The Christmas Turkey
By Maya
Grade 2, Mrs Coneybeare's class

One dark snowy Christmas night my mom, my sister and I were in the car on the road driving to my Gramma and Grampa's for a turkey dinner. The roads were soaking wet and slippery and it was snowing terribly. My mom could not really see very well out the window in front of her. The car was slipping a bit and sliding a bit. We finally made it to my Gramma and Grampa's. We ate the delicious yummy turkey dinner and our full bellies ached and we got to sleep over and had yummy candy cane ice cream with caramel sauce before bedtime. In the morning we had breakfast and after breakfast my cousins came to play until lunch. I was so excited to see them and spend time with my family on Christmas!



Cordell Carpet decorated their shop in Haliburton for the holidays with a shiny Christmas tree. /Laura Smith photo

By Chloe from ASES

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Stopping Christmas Cat-astrophes

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Christmas is accompanied by a lot of predictability. Lights, eggnog, Santa, the nativity scene, *The Nutcracker*, *A Christmas Carol*, Christmas cake, last-minute shopping, turkey, the Grinch and the tree and decorations all come to mind. But perhaps the most predictable of all is that crashing sound in the middle of the night that signifies a cat taking down the tree – again.

The worst part is sometimes it's not even your cat.

We can send a man to the moon but we can't keep an ornament on a tree.

But at least we can try.

Here then are 10 ways to make a cat think twice at Christmas.

1. Before getting a real tree, don some camo clothing or a Ghillie suit, hang ornaments and lights from your arms and legs and place a star atop your head. Then chase after the first cat who tries to bat your ornaments.
2. Hang a working Billy Bass from the lower branches. Your cat will need therapy but the Christmas tree will be saved.
3. Block the approach to the tree with a huge dog house with Killer painted over the dark doorway.
4. Place cat food that's two hours old around the tree – no cat in its right mind would go near that stuff.
5. Decorate a shoe tree and place gifts under it. It will confuse the heck out of the cat.
6. Set up your tree so it is already knocked down and surrounded by scattered ornaments. Then, place fake lion tracks around it. The cat will soon know its place.
7. Place your tree smack dab in the middle of a full kiddie pool or Jacuzzi. Cats hate moats.
8. Set up your tree on a Lazy Susan so when the cat bats a ball, it will get clotheslined by the next branch coming around.
9. Set up a cat bed ahead of the tree. The cat will never make it past.
10. Feed your cat high quality catnip for the entire holiday season. He'll spend Christmas being freaked out by the tree.

I hope that helps.

Merry Christmas.

Fill a Cruiser

Lucy Darling and Kiarah Campbell helped Haliburton Highlands OPP officers fill their cruisers with food on Dec. 6. Local police were collecting donations for county food banks at grocery store locations in Haliburton and Minden throughout the day. /**Chad Ingram** Staff

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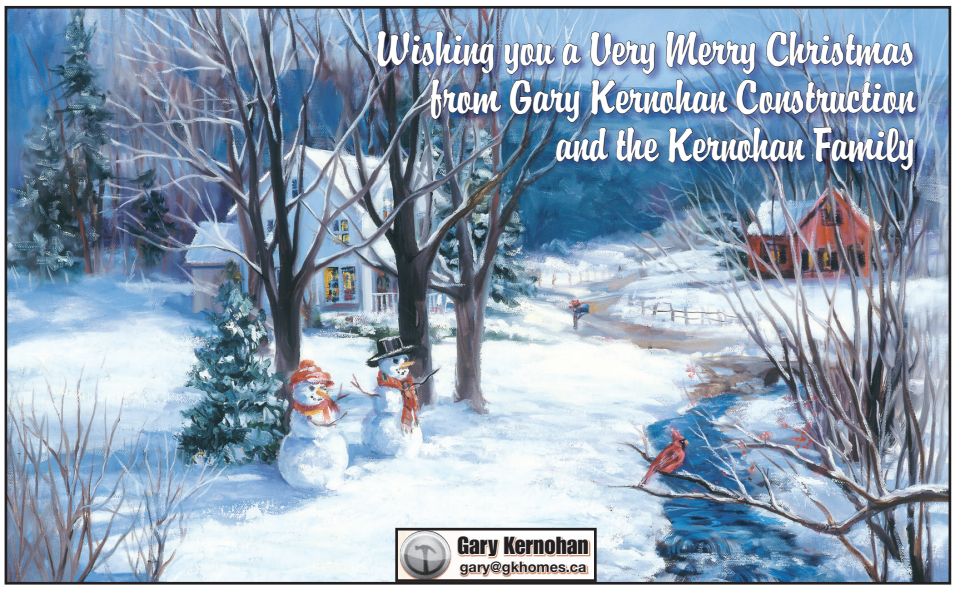

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General Admission
Students **$5,** Adults **$10**, Family **$25**
Non-perishable food items appreciated

Sunday December 21
Regular Service Times
Lessons & Carols at
St. George's
and St. Margaret's

Wed., December 24
at St. Margaret's
Service at 6:30 pm

Tuesday December 23
at 7:00 pm at St. George's
Blue Christmas Service

Wed., December 24
at St. George's
Family Service at 4:30 pm
Carols at 8:00 pm &
Service at 8:30 pm

Christmas Morning Service
St. George's at 10:30 am

Regular service times for St. George's are Sunday at 9:30 am and for St. Margaret's are Sunday at 11:15 am

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December 24 - 8:30 am - 12 pm
December 25 - CLOSED
December 26 - CLOSED
December 29 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
December 30 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
December 31 - 8:30 am - 12 pm
January 1 - CLOSED
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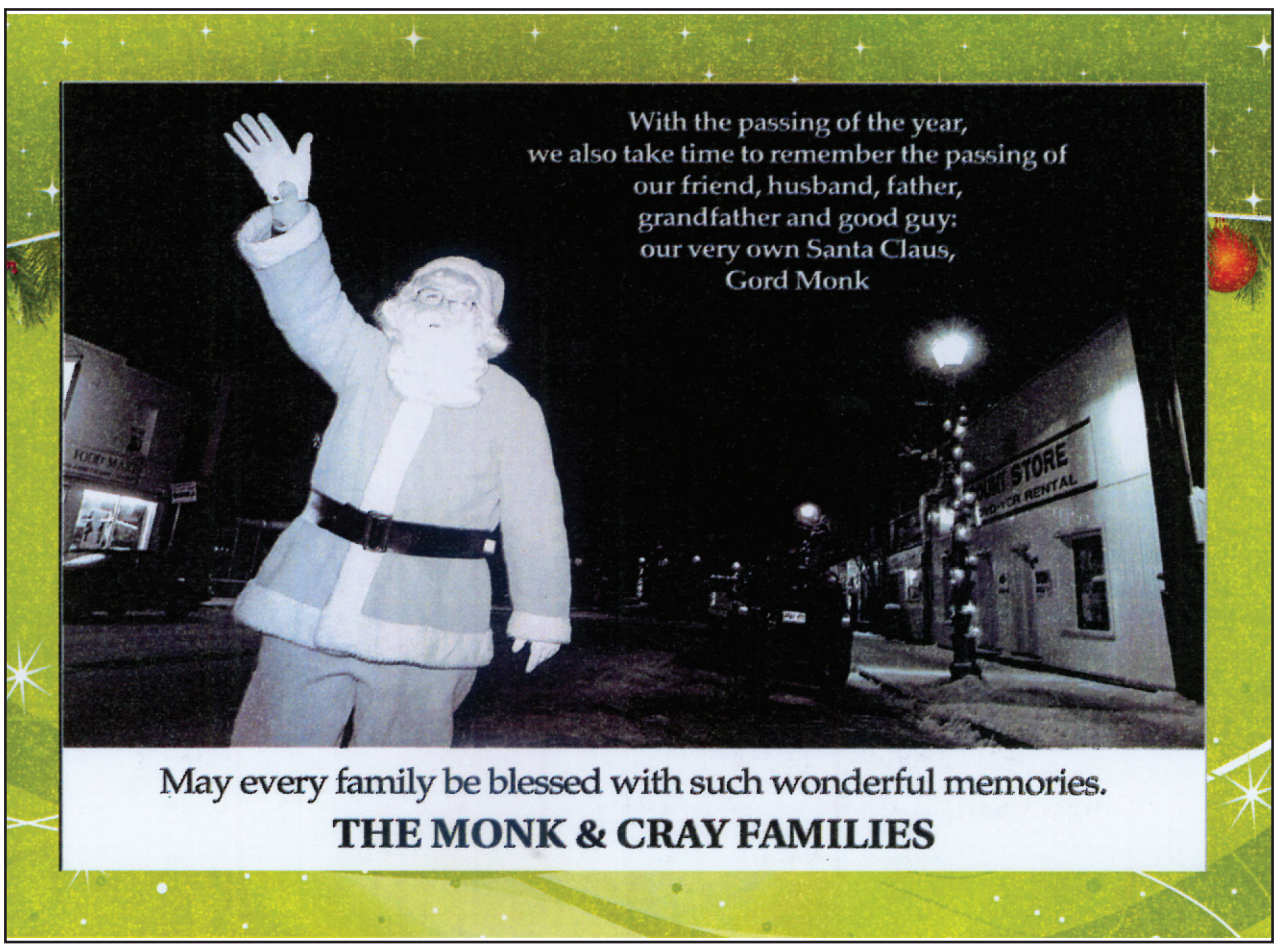
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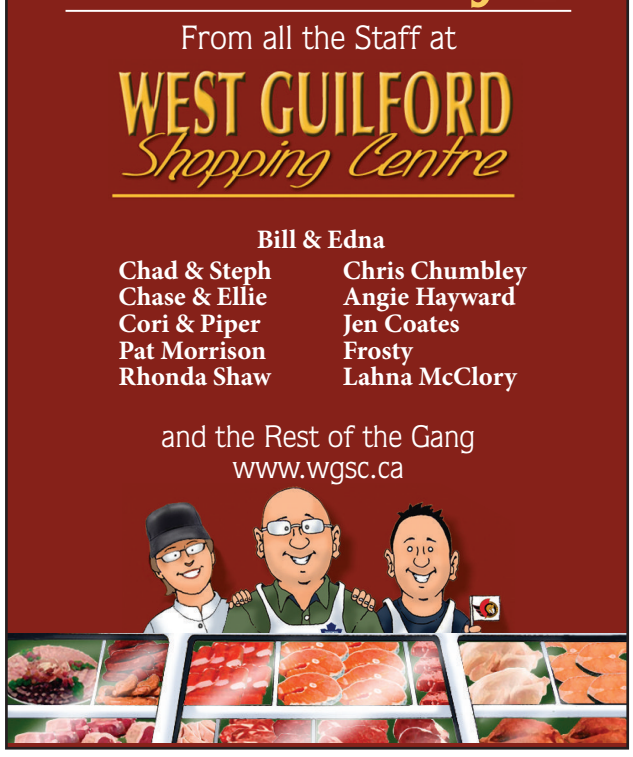

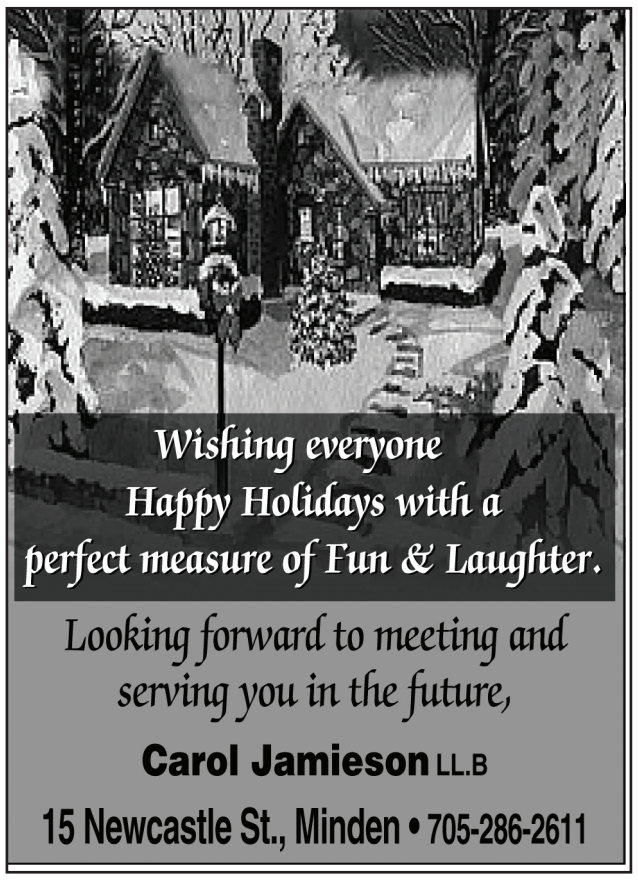

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what's on STAGE THIS SUMMER?

Lend Me A Tenor *by Ken Ludwig*

We begin the season with quite possibly the funniest play written in the past 30 years. Set in the 1930s, *Lend Me A Tenor* is a madcap screwball comedy. Tito Merelli, the fiery-tempered and world famous Italian superstar, arrives in Cleveland, Ohio to make his debut with the local opera and promptly goes missing. As Saunders, the show's presenter, conspires to cover for Tito's absence, placate his hot-blooded wife, and distract his most passionate fans, chaos on a truly operatic level ensues. There is lots of slamming doors and characters in their underwear, so you know it will be an uproarious evening.

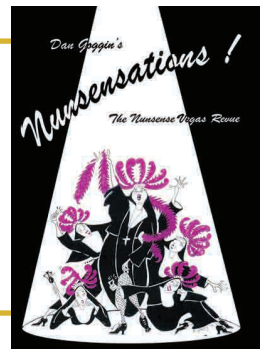
JUNE 29 - JULY 3 | JULY 6-9 @ 8pm

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest *by Dale Wasserman*

Randle McMurphy is the newest patient at a mental facility. We quickly learn McMurphy isn't actually crazy, but a charming, funny rebel who pretends to be insane in order to serve out his prison sentence at the asylum instead of hard labour at a work farm. When he meets the cold and controlling Nurse Ratched, whom he immediately clashes with, he quickly learns his plan was a mistake. His outrageous actions change the conditions for the better, until he faces the ultimate showdown with Ratched in a heartbreaking ending that is both powerful and uplifting. A hilarious and poignant play. **JULY 13-17, 22-24 @ 8pm**

Wingfield Lost And Found *by Dan Needles, starring Rod Beattie | Directed by Douglas Beattie*

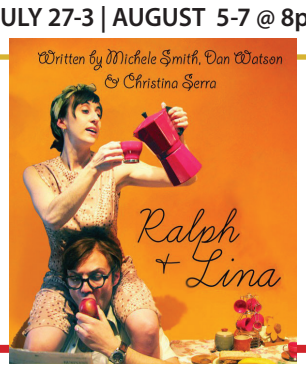
In the midst of a record drought, wells on the Seventh Line are drying up. A search to locate a new well on Wingfield Farm ensues, but distractions abound: a high-tech cattle drive, a battle with yellow jackets, a feud with a red-tailed hawk, an eccentric line-up of water witches and a well driller who is only too happy to perforate the ground at forty dollars a foot. More than an environmental comedy, *Wingfield Lost and Found* is a whimsical reminder that searching can turn up more than what is lost and teach us the value of more than what is found. **JULY 19-21 @ 8pm**



Nunsensations! *by Dan Goggin*

The Nunsense Vegas Revue takes the Little Sisters of Hoboken on a brand new adventure. When a parishioner volunteers to donate $10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas', Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever. '*Nunsensations!* is a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on!'

JULY 27-3 | AUGUST 5-7 @ 8pm



Ralph + Lina *by Michele Smith, Dan Watson & Christina Serra*

Ralph + Lina is a rough and tumble romance which follows the struggles of two Italian lovers in the face of war, immigration and old age. In the vein of early Fellini, this award-winning creative team of Michele Smith and real life husband and wife Dan Watson and Christina Serra, dives into their family history to explore love, dedication and courage in a passionate, acrobatic comedy that reinvents the modern melodrama. Ralph and Lina's happiness is hard won and true.

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A Christmas Concert to Benefit the County Food Banks

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Where: St George's Anglican Church, Haliburton
The Highlands Concert Band (directed by Glen Carter) and the Highlands Male Chorus (directed by Melissa Stephens) join forces to present traditional Christmas music with proceeds going to benefit the Haliburton County Food Banks.
Contact: Ken Loney, ken.loney@gmail.com, 705-286-0413

Crafty Girls

When: Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 to 9, adult
Where: The Art Hive, 10239 Hwy 118
Bring along a crafty work in progress and come and meet other crafty girls of the county. Occasional paid workshops will feature, check our Facebook page for more details.
Contact: 705-754-0021, www.TheArtHive.com

Winter Fun at Haliburton County Public Library

When: Dec. 20
Where: Minden Hills Branch 2 p.m., Stanhope Branch 11 a.m.
Story and craft.
Contact: Sue Robinson 705-457-2241

Christmas Service

Where: Essonville Historic Church
When: Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.
Christmas service by lantern and candlelight.

Dramatic Reading of A Christmas Carol

When: Sunday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
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Contact: 705-457-2760 or info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

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Jan Simon PRO
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Tuesday General Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm (last ;game of the year
Friday Pool 1:30pm
Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00pm
Jam Session 7:30pm Come to play or listen to great music
Saturday Meat Draw 2:00pm -5:00pm - Early Bird 3pm sharp

Branch 129, Haliburton

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Thursdays:
General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays:
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays:
50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
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Mon to Thursday: full menu and daily specials.
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Wednesdays: Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat.
Ladies Darts on **Thursdays**

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Evening - the 3rd. Wed. of every month
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed
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When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
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